



### **Foundation of Scott and Furphy**

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The foundation of the engineering consulting firm Scott and Furphy was in Melbourne in 1933. The founding partners were civil engineers, Ronald Melville Scott (1886-1968) BSC DipAppSc BE AMICE MIEAust FSASM and Henry (Harry) Gustaves Furphy (1897-1991) BA BCE FICE FIEAust.



**Henry (Harry) Furphy**

Source: Ian Furphy

Harry Furphy was born in Corop, near Shepparton, Victoria, on June 24, 1897. He was the son of Sam William Furphy and his wife Isabella Ann Furphy nee Brown. He was educated at Shepparton High School, and he trained as a teacher. He enlisted in the AIF and served overseas. On his return he undertook a civil engineering degree at Melbourne University.

John Hare Furphy, the founder of the Furphy Foundry at Shepparton, was his uncle.

Harry Furphy was National President of the Institution of Engineers in 1959. He was a partner in Scott and Furphy from 1933 until 1971, then worked as a consultant. He died in 1991.



Lieut. R. M. Scott.

Source: National Archives of Australia

Ronald Scott was born on June 24, 1886, at College Park, South Australia. He was the son of Paul Thomson Scott and his wife Clara Watchorn Scott nee Waterhouse. He was educated at Prince Alfred College. In 1910 he was awarded a Bachelor of Science from Adelaide University. In 1912, he obtained a Diploma of Applied Science and the Fellowship of the South Australian School of Mines. He completed an engineering degree at Adelaide University in 1913 and in 1915 was accepted as an Associate Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Ronald Scott had worked on the Tramways Trust Power Station at Port Adelaide in 1911. By 1912 he was working as an assistant surveyor for C J Sanders. He was employed as a Civil Engineer in the Engineer in Chief's Department in late 1912. He enlisted in the AIF in 1916, served overseas and was wounded. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant. Returning to the Engineer in Chief's Department, he was promoted to Chief Estimator in 1921. In May 1924, he was appointed as the City Engineer, Adelaide. In January 1929, he was selected as the City Engineer Melbourne.

Scott and Furphy's evolution:

1933 – 1971 Scott and Furphy or variants such as Garlick, Scott and Furphy (for tendering for sewerage works in the 1930's with civil engineer Edward Thomas Mervyn Garlick) , Candy, Scott and Furphy (with civil engineer Charles William Albert Augustus Candy formed after the death of E T M Garlick) or Scott, Furphy Walters (with civil engineer Frederick John Walters)

By 1972 Ronald Scott has died and Harry Furphy has resigned as partner.

In 1972, Camp, Dresser and McKee with Scott and Furphy (Melbourne, Australia) announced the organization of Camp, Scott Furphy Pty. Ltd. The new consulting engineering firm engaged exclusively in environmental engineering in Australia.

1991 Camp, Scott and Furphy became the environmental arm of CPMS&F